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2015 SENATE BILL 186

June 2, 2015 – Introduced by Senators LASSA, WIRCH, CARPENTER, HANSEN, SHILLING, HARRIS DODD, L. TAYLOR and RINGHAND, cosponsored by Representatives HESSELBEIN, GOYKE, MILROY, SUBECK, OHNSTAD, WACHS, SINICKI, JOHNSON, POPE, ZAMARRIPA, BERCEAU, RIEMER, SPREITZER, HEBL, KOLSTE, KESSLER, BARCA and JORGENSEN. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 45.03 (13) (o); and *to create* 343.14 (2) (k) and 343.21 (1g) of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** waiving operator’s license fees for disabled veterans.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Transportation must charge required fees for the initial issuance and renewal of a license authorizing operation of “Class D” vehicles, which are automobiles and most passenger vehicles, or “Class M” motor vehicles, which are motorcycles. This bill waives those fees for an applicant who is a veteran with a service-connected disability.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 45.03 (13) (o) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 45.03 (13) (o) Provide verification to the department of transportation of the
5 information required under s. ss. 343.14 (2) (j) and 343.21 (1g).
6 **SECTION 2.** 343.14 (2) (k) of the statutes is created to read:

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343.14 **(2) (k)** A statement as to whether the applicant is a veteran, as defined in s. 45.01 (12), with a service-connected disability rating of at least 60 percent, and has provided the verification required under s. 343.21 (1g).

SECTION 3. 343.21 (1g) of the statutes is created to read:

343.21 (**1g**) Notwithstanding sub. (1) (a) to (bg) and (n), if an applicant provides verification from the department of veterans affairs that the applicant is a veteran, as defined in s. 45.01 (12), and in receipt of an award from the U.S. department of veterans affairs of a service-connected disability rating under 38 USC 1114 or 1134 of at least 60 percent, the department shall waive any fee for the initial issuance or renewal of a license authorizing operation of “Class D” or “Class M” motor vehicles.

SECTION 4. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to an application for an operator's license made on the effective date of this subsection.

(END)